

Sundry Conference Notes

Above all things keep the date in mind—August 29 to September 3. Let no one who reads the paper say he did not remember the time, for it is brought to your notice each week.

Every pastor in the brotherhood should give a talk to his people on the importance of a large representation at our National Conference. Have you done this? Have you mentioned Conference to your people at all? There is yet a little time to do so and you should seize the opportunity. Urge your people to go, and if they are not able to go, let the whole congregation lay together and send one of your number. That will make the expense very light.

Get ready *now*, do not wait, decide to go, prepare to go, then go. You will enjoy the trip, tho that is not the highest motive that should prompt your going. We are going to Winona to plan work for the Lord, to get new inspiration and to learn how to do greater things for him who has done so much for us.

Those who were affected by the mineral water last year need not fear to return because it is only a certain spring which sickens some people, and it can be avoided. There is excellent water in great abundance.

The Park has been improved right along and accommodations will be ample. The trustees have spared neither money nor pains in making Winona one of the most desirable summer resorts in the west. It is a delightful place to go and spend a few days or weeks. If you have never been there, you will not regret the small sum it costs to visit the place, besides you will meet and get acquainted with hundreds of people from all over the brotherhood, and you know there is joy and inspiration in Christian fellowship.

As to railroad and hotel and cottage rates we give here in substance what Brother Yoder wrote last week and which appeared on page three of the EVANGELIST:

Winona Lake tickets are sold on almost all lines in the Central Passenger Ass'n. These cost a trifle more than half fare and are good for fifteen days. *You should consult your ticket agent at once about them* and see that he has a supply on hand when you wish to come. If the road running thru your town does not sell them then buy a regular ticket to the nearest point that does. The Bible Conference which meets just prior to the Brethren Conference expects to have rates of a fare and a third in the other R. R. districts. Those within the territory of the Eastern or Western Passenger Ass'n's should buy regular tickets to the nearest point in the territory of the Central Ass'n and then buy a Winona ticket. In buying a regular ticket *be sure* to get a receipt from the agent and then unless the plans fail here, you can go back on one-third fare making a fare and a

third for the round trip. To avoid trouble consult your agent at once. Delegates from the East can get rates to Buffalo or Pittsburg and then purchase Winona tickets.

At the Winnewawa Inn the rates are \$1.00 per day two in a room or \$1.25 per day one in a room. The Inn will be the best place for all who do not care to board themselves. The Winona hotel where some sixty dentists will be holding a convention at the time charges \$2.00 per day or \$8.50 per week. Cottages can be had for rates as advertised in last week's paper. Boarding at the cafe will cost twenty-five cents per meal or \$3.50 for 21 meals. There is also an excellent lunch counter and other refreshment counters besides a large grocery and other stores. Almost anything needed can be gotten there.

The Brethren Publication Board will have on sale by far the best collection of books it ever had at any of the Conferences. Our people know that the Board sells books cheaper than can be bought most anywhere else, and will therefore do well to hold their orders if in need of anything in the book line. We also take subscriptions for all the magazines and many weekly papers such as the Independent, the Outlook, etc. Bible History by eminent men, Standard Dictionary, the History of the Nations, sixty volumes, and many other standard works which you may want will be on sale at our stand. "In His Steps," paper cover at ten cents instead of twenty-five as before. Reserve your order, or if you are not going send your order with some one. A great many of the smaller books, devotional and others will be found at our stand. Also subscriptions for the EVANGELIST will be taken, new and renewals, old accounts settled, etc.

An interesting feature will be the EVANGELIST mailing list in convenient form which will enable any one to learn the number of subscriptions at any one office and who they are.

"Analysis of the Gospel of St. John," by Brother Miller, containing the outline as it will be followed by Brother Miller in his Bible studies and readings will be on sale also. It is ready now and will be mailed to any address for ten cents or \$1.00 per dozen.

Jesus is Mine

What possession is this? What "confidence of boasting" is framed in these words, so marvelous in their intent, so wide, so deep, so high, that an archangel might strive in vain to comprehend them. Sweet to the ear is the language of possession, and that word "mine," what music there is in it. How it vibrates in delicate and satisfying melody all thru the wide reaches of the soul. From the time that the child first realizes the proprietary idea, and begins to say gleefully of toys and trinkets, "they are mine," and on thru boyhood, and manhood, and on to old age, that magic word leading him with its unfailing fascination, leading him so often into

temptation and tragedy, into dark and devious ways, where his early innocence, his peace, his manhood, his virtue, his soul is lost, and all that he may say of a bauble, "It is mine." Then again how transitory are the world's best possessions, its success, its wealth, its fame. Inexhaustible streams of energy are expended in the pursuit of these things. Armies of men labor for the meat that perisheth. Genius climbs the mountain of endeavor that it may win the kingdoms of the world. But vanishing time, and vanishing life, and hastening death makes all these things vain, even "vanity of vanities." How striking then the contrast when we place alongside of this evanescent possession, that other, the possession of Christ, and all that it implies, pardon, peace, joy, wealth of soul, victory, everlasting life. If Christ is mine, then all things are included in that title, for he is the possessor of all things, in which the vanishing are not counted, for they are nothings, but the things that remain, that are of eternal worth. "All things are yours." This sweeping title deed of the saints is signed by Christ, but tho the "all things" include thrones and principalities and powers in heavenly places, the best of all is Christ himself, when in the fulness of joy and blessing he abides in the heart. In the heart which welcomes him he will abide, but only in the whole heart, out of which all choice and love of the perishing possessions has been cast, or consecrated alone to his will and his glory.

Ingersoll's Funeral

The following newspaper paragraph occurs in the narrative of Ingersoll's funeral, (if cremation of the body can be called a funeral.) "Funeral parties flocked to the hotel and the beer garden, and ate and drank, and made as merry as they could under the circumstances. The waiters in the hotel refused to serve lemonade to Mrs. Ingersoll and her daughters, and the men of the family had to carry it to them. They were the butt of the curiosity of hundreds, for there is no privacy to be obtained within the limits of the Fresh Pond Crematory." A fitting finality this to a life spent in robbing the world of reverence and hope, debasing man to the level of a brute, whose pestilential carcass rude and irreverent men burn, while the godless and gluttonous crowd jostles and stares.

Big and Little Congregations

A minister should guard against being depressed by a small congregation, or elated by a large one. A full house is of course a greater inspiration than an empty one, but it may easily happen that a small congregation should yield results of greater value, or more significance, and of larger influence upon the future, than many a full house. It is related of Dr. Lyman Beecher that for months ahead